

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 6, lines 7-8 and replace it with the following paragraph:

FIG. 7 shows siLNA (**SEQ ID NOS 31-38**) and siRNA (**SEQ ID NOS 53-60**) compounds for targeting SARS. Capital letters: Beta-D-oxy LNA monomer. Small letters: RNA monomer.

Please delete the paragraph on page 7, line 10 and replace it with the following paragraph:

FIG. 14 shows the concentration-depending gene silencing effect of siLNA and siRNA (**SEQ ID NOS 1, 3, 61, 3, 62 & 3 respectively in order of appearance**).

Please delete the paragraph on page 7, line 19 and replace it with the following paragraph:

FIG. 17 shows the inhibition of SARS sense/antisense target in 3'-UTR of firefly luciferase (**SEQ ID NOS 57-58 & 35-36 are disclosed respectively in order of appearance**).

Please delete the paragraph on page 39, lines 29-34 and replace it with the following paragraph:

GL3+: 5'-cuuacgcugaguacuuucga_{d,t,t}-3' (**SEQ ID NO: 1**),

GL3-: 5'-ucgaaguacucagcguag_{d,t,t}-3' (**SEQ ID NO: 3**)

NPY+: 5'-ugagagaaaggcacagaaaa_{d,t,t}-3' (**SEQ ID NO: 49**)

NPY-: 5'-uuuucugugcuuucucuca_{d,t,t}-3' (**SEQ ID NO: 50**)

RL+: 5'-aucugaagaaggagaaaaat_dt_dt-3' (**SEQ ID NO: 10**)

RL-: 5'-uuuuucuccuuucuucagau_dt_dt-3' (**SEQ ID NO: 9**)

Please delete the paragraph on page 48, lines 1-3 and replace it with the following paragraph:

(SARS 3 target (SARS genomic position 14593) DNA oligo duplex with Xba I overhangs)

5'-ctagcaaactgtcaaaccggtaatttc-3' (**SEQ ID NO: 51**) (sense, same as mRNA)

3'-gtttgacagtggccattaaaaggatc-5' (**SEQ ID NO: 52**) (antisense, complementary to the mRNA)

Please delete the header for Table 1 on page 50 and replace it with the following header:

Table 1 (SEQ ID NOS 1-13 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)

Please delete the header for Table 2 on page 51 and replace it with the following header:

Table 2 (SEQ ID NOS 14-30 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)

Please delete the header for Table 3 on page 52 and replace it with the following header:

Table 3 (SEQ ID NOS 31-48 disclosed respectively in order of appearance)